



RMC Rural Housing Working Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Type: Zoom Teleconference

Participants: Charlotte Davis, Molli Cole, Amanda Clevenger, Duane Yoder, Cindy Stone, Jamie Williams, John Hartline, Kat Stork, Jennifer Walsh, Dominic Butchko, Linda Kohler, Mike Arntz, Claudia Wilson Randall, Dona Sorce, Tammy Duff, Luke Patton, Jerry McLaurin, Kim Fisher, Nan Mann, Susie Hayward, Yvonne Golczewski, Alice Settle -Raskin, Molly Hilligoss, Wendolyn McKenzie, Bill Valentine

Mr. Dominic Butchko, RMC Rural Housing Working Committee Chair welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 11:03 am. Mr. Butchko asked the committee to review the minutes from the June 29, 2023, meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Hearing no response from the committee the minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Davis shared the updated draft Rural Housing Survey for Local Government questions with the committee. The committee discussed the purpose of the survey and changing the topic of the questions. The committee decided to incorporate housing production and any barriers as a topic for the survey.

Ms. Kim Fisher from the Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability program presented to the committee on the PALS program. She stated that the campus-wide program leverages the expertise and ingenuity of the University of Maryland students and faculty to tackle specific, sustainability-related issues facing Maryland's diverse communities. She mentioned that they are planning to work the affordable rural housing issue into the PALS program. Ms. Davis stated that the RMC looks forward to their partnership.

Ms. Claudia Wilson-Randall shared an overview with the committee on the CDN/RMC Regional meetings that were held in August. She reported that the meetings went well and there was great attendance at each meeting. The meetings were held in Southern Maryland, Western Maryland and on the Eastern Shore. She mentioned that follow up from the sessions included contacting legislators about the affordable rural housing issues in Maryland before the 2024 Legislative session begins.

Ms. Davis stated that the 2023 Rural Summit Proposed Panel discussions would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Claudia Wilson- Randall discussed other business. She mentioned that Community Development Network week would be held on October 16-20, 2023. This week would highlight the important social and economic impact of Maryland's community development industry.

Mr. Dominic Butchko asked the committee to discuss the next committee meeting date and it was decided that the next meeting for the committee would be on October 6, 2023, at 9 am.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.